



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes City Council Work Session

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Monday, March 23, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Crow-Iverson called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Present 8 - President Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, Councilmember Kimberly Gold, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember David Leinweber, Councilmember Roland Rainey Jr., President Pro Tem Brian Risley, and Councilmember Brandy Williams

Councilmember Gold, Councilmember Rainey, President Pro Tem Risley, and Councilmember Williams attended the meeting virtually.

Councilmember Leinweber arrived at approximately 9:30 AM.

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no Changes to Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Donelson requested item 4A.A. be removed from the March 24, 2026 City Council meeting Consent Calendar. Consensus of City Council agreed to this change.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the reconsideration vote at the March 24, 2026 City Council meeting is only to set a date for reconsideration.

President Crow-Iverson confirmed it is.

Several Councilmembers asked if there could be any changes to the rezoning if the request for reconsideration is approved. Trevor Gloss, Senior Attorney, City Attorney's Office confirmed that if the request for reconsideration is approved, modifications would be permitted during the public hearing.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.A. [26-118](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes March 9, 2026

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [3-9-26 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the March 9, 2026 Work Session were approved by Consensus of City Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

There was no Open Executive Session.

5B. Closed

There was no Closed Executive Session.

6. Presentations for General Information

There was no Presentations for General Information.

7. Staff and Appointee Reports

- 7.A. [26-117](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 3-23-26](#)

There were no comments on this item.

- 7.B. [26-108](#) Update to the City of Colorado Springs Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Presenter:

Jessica McIntire, Wildfire Mitigation Program Coordinator
Ashley Whitworth, Wildfire Mitigation Program Administrator

Attachments: [CWPP Final](#)
[Draft CWPP](#)

Fire Marshal Kris Cooper, Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD), introduced Jessica McIntire, Wildfire Mitigation Program Coordinator, CSFD, who provided an overview of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), background, purpose, partnerships, progress, public survey responses, Plan contents, and appendices.

Councilmember Henjum asked why the Pikes Peak Office of Emergency Management (PPOEM) is not a part of the approval process. Ms. McIntire stated they submitted the CWPP to PPOEM for review, but historically, they have not been part of the approval process.

Ashley Whitworth, Wildfire Mitigation Program Administrator, CSFD, identified the wildfire risks, mitigation strategies, evaluation, and CWPP review.

President Crow-Iverson asked what has changed the most since the last five-year CWPP. Ms. Whitworth stated the addition of the eastern Prairie Urban Interface (PUI), adding prescribed wildfire prevention, and the additional services the program offers.

Councilmember Donelson asked how long the CWPP has been in place. Ms. Whitworth stated it has been in place since 2011.

Councilmember Donelson asked if this is completely separate from the state legislation which is currently in process. Ms. Whitworth confirmed it is.

Councilmember Henjum asked how City Council can support the proposed CWPP. Ms. Whitworth stated they can assist by understanding and asking questions regarding the CWPP. Fire Marshal Cooper stated by City Council supporting the funding of the CWPP.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the risk of wildfire occurring in the community. Fire Marshal Cooper stated people are the greatest risk for starting a wildfire.

Councilmember Henjum requested additional information regarding the risk of wildfire associated with fireworks. Fire Marshal Cooper provided an overview of how they determine burn restrictions/burn bans and stated fireworks are already prohibited within City limits.

Councilmember Henjum asked if El Paso County could place a ban on the

sale of fireworks in the county. Fire Marshal Cooper stated they could not under normal fire conditions but could if there was a fire ban in place.

7.C. [26-099](#) Quarterly Financial Report

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [City Quarterly Financial Update - 03-23-26](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, presented the quarterly financial report, which included an overview of the General Fund Sales and Use Tax, salary/benefit expenses, Lodging/Auto Rental Tax (LART), and recreational marijuana special five percent tax fund.

Councilmember Henjum asked how taxes are captured when construction materials are purchased outside of the City limits . Ms. McDaniel stated that if materials are purchased from a vendor inside the City limits then it is captured through sales tax, and if it is purchased outside of the City limits, when it is brought into the City limits and used in construction, it is captured through use tax.

Councilmember Henjum asked what other types of businesses pay Use Tax. Ms. McDaniel stated furniture is an example of an industry that may pay Use Tax.

Councilmember Leinweber asked if Sales and Use Tax is sometimes reduced for affordable housing projects. Ms. McDaniel confirmed it is.

Councilmember Henjum asked if the LART Committee will be considering the deficit of the LART Fund for the 2027 awards. Ms. McDaniel confirmed the 2027 amount available for awards will be based on the 2027 estimates for revenue and contract estimates and will be decreased by the funding deficit realized at the end of 2026.

Councilmember Henjum asked if the LART Administrator will be communicating the deficit to the community. Ms. McDaniel stated that communication should be initiated by City Council or the LART Committee, but it can be sent out by the LART Administrator.

Councilmember Donelson asked if occupancy of hotel rooms decreased. Ms. McDaniel stated the cost per room per night decreased, but there was

not a drastic decrease in the occupancy.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the decrease is also a national trend. Ms. McDaniel stated she believes it is.

Councilmember Rainey requested additional information regarding the public safety priority areas. Ms. McDaniel stated the Police Chief determines those priorities.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the potential impacts are to the City's revenue based on global conflicts. Ms. McDaniel stated there are always risks based on global and federal issues.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A.** [26-115](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Stormwater Enterprise Manager to Execute All Intergovernmental Agreements with the Colorado Department of Transportation Related to Maintenance of Stormwater Infrastructure

Presenter:

Erin Powers, P.E., Stormwater Enterprise Manager

Attachments: [CDOT SW IGA Resolution Final.pdf](#)

Tim Biolchini, Engineering Program Manager, presented the Resolution authorizing the Stormwater Enterprise Manager to enter into all Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) related to maintenance of stormwater infrastructure.

Councilmember Donelson asked how often these IGA's occur. Mr. Biolchini stated approximately once a year. Councilmember Donelson stated he believes these should still come before Council for approval. Mr. Biolchini provided an example of how a project could be delayed due to this process.

Councilmember Leinweber spoke in support of the Resolution.

- 8.B.** [26-121](#) An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Nos. 20-44 And 22-33 Thereby Dissolving The Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission

Presenter:

Roland Rainey, Councilmember District 6

Attachments: [LETAC Ordinance \(Updated\)](#)
[LETAC Presentation 3.23.2026](#)

Michael Montgomery, Deputy City Council Administrator, presented the Ordinance dissolving The Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission (LETAC). He provided an overview of the history of LETAC, accomplishments, and next steps.

Deb Walker, Chair, and Andrew Hoskins, Vice Chair, LETAC, identified the LTAC recommendation,

Councilmember expressed appreciation for all the accomplishments and service of the LETAC.

Deputy Chief Jeff Jenson, Colorado Springs Police Department, went over the rationale for dissolution.

- 8.C.** [26-069](#) A Resolution Adopting the City Council's Annual Report to the Citizens for April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Presenter:

Emily Evans, City Council Administrator

Alex Ryden, City Council Senior Public Communications Specialist

Attachments: [Annual Report Resolution](#)
[CS City Council Annual Report 2026 DRAFT1](#)

Alex Ryden, City Council Communications Specialist, gave a brief background and the process for creating the City Council annual report to the Citizens for April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. He identified some of the highlights for the report which included the year in review, new/returning Councilmembers, Strategic Plan update, City Budget overview, presentations, actions from previous City Council, actions from current City Council, other noteworthy items, community events, update of the boards/commissions/committees, Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) Board, legislative services, and civic engagement. Mr. Ryden requested feedback regarding any additions or changes from City Council.

Councilmember Henjum and President Crow-Iverson expressed support of the proposed report.

Councilmember Donelson asked if this report is required. Mr. Ryden confirmed it is required by Charter.

Councilmember Donelson requested the statistics on crime be added.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

10.A. [26-120](#) Authorization of Out-Of-State Travel for Councilmembers

Presenter:

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President and Councilmember At Large

Councilmember Donelson requested permission to travel to Washington D.C. in May 2026 to attend a meeting of the American Defense Community's Organization using the airline credit he already has on his account. Consensus of Council agreed to Councilmember Donelson's request.

Councilmember Leinweber requested permission to travel May 6 and 7, 2026 to attend the National Outdoor Recreation Roundtable which will be emphasizing the importance of mental health and the outdoors.

Councilmember Donelson asked if Councilmember Leinweber's cost of travel falls within his travel allotment. Councilmember Leinweber confirmed it does. Consensus of Council agreed to Councilmember Leinweber's request.

Councilmember Leinweber will also be travelling April 21 through 23, 2026 to support the Land and Water Conservation Fund which will be one hundred percent funded by the Wilderness Society.

Councilmember Henjum recognized June Waller for her being incredibly civically engaged in the community, she stated she will be hosting a learning Town Hall meeting on how to participate with City Council on Thursday, March 26, 2026 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in Council Chambers on City Council, and she encouraged everyone to attend an engagement at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Berger Hall, on March 30, 2026, at 6:30 PM, hosted by the organization, Reclaiming Civility, who gave a book titled "Soul of Civility" to Councilmembers. Councilmember Henjum stated the City Traffic Department received a grant from "Safe Streets For All" and the Transportation Safety Action Plan is now live and open to receive feedback through April 2, 2026 on the City's website.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned at 11:13 AM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk